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Title: SCREWDRIVER HANDLE WITH
STORAGE CHAMBER FOR
SCREWDRIVER BITS

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. §609 and 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97-1.99, Applicants herewith submit form PTO-1449 (1 page), which lists a reference of which Applicants are aware for the present application.

English translations of the full documents are not available to the undersigned. It is noted that the PCT/ISA/210 indicated that DE 3004958 (A1 herein) was an "A" type reference. DE8404176.5 is described in the background of the invention section of the specification on page 1 while DE29714974 is described on page 2 of the application.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists. While the term "references" is used in citing the documents called to the Examiner's attention herein, Applicants do not make any admission that each or all of them are "prior art" references within the meaning of the statutory and case law.

Applicants reserve the right to contend, where appropriate, that a reference asserted against any claim of the present application is not prior art under the facts and the law.

Applicants also reserve the right to present appropriate arguments and/or evidence to establish patentability over the references, should one or more of the references be applied against the claims of the present application.

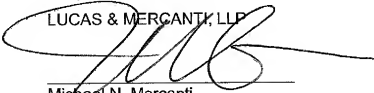
Applicants request that the Examiner independently determine those items which the Examiner would consider the most pertinent of all the references cited herein.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted before the mailing of any of a final action under 37 CFR §1.113, a notice of allowance under §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and it is accompanied by the required fee of \$180.00 via credit card authorization. Accordingly, this document complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c). No fee is believed to be due. If, on the other hand, it is determined that any further fees are due or any overpayment has been made, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit or credit such sum to deposit account 02-2275.

It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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